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The Honorable Kevin Martin  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th St., S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

RE: IB Docket No. 05-221

Dear Chairman Martin:

As the lead singer of a four member rock band that travels over 200 days a year throughout the U.S., I want to discuss a matter which impacts our business: Communications. Despite significant broadband coverage throughout the U.S., many areas still have inadequate coverage. I believe that the satellite industry, because of its ability to provide service everywhere, is one sector which can play a vital role in bringing broadband to millions more Americans, especially those who spend large amounts of time traveling throughout America.

I understand technology exists which will allow cell phones to receive a signal from a cell tower and a satellite. In order to overcome the high cost typically associated with mobile satellite systems, we are looking forward to the availability of advanced integrated satellite/terrestrial systems. An integrated network will allow a cell phone user to use a cell phone on existing cell towers and to use a satellite network if the cell phone network is inoperative. This assures virtually every location in the U.S. will receive broadband access, especially rural and underserved areas.

Since much of our band's time is spent on the road, we are often away from our loved ones, not to mention our support staff. Having ubiquitous coverage while traveling would not only be convenient, it would provide a dependable line of communication so that we can transact business with our staff and talk to our loved ones.

I understand that the Commission will soon determine whether to divide the remaining one-third of the 2 GHz mobile satellite service ("MSS") spectrum between TMI/TerreStar Networks Inc. ("TerreStar") and ICO Satellite Services ("ICO") or take another approach.

I strongly urge the FCC to move expeditiously on this item and support the allocation of this spectrum on a "2x10" basis to TerreStar and ICO who have already demonstrated a commitment to compete and offer these services. Thank you for your consideration of my views.

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Sincerely,

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Andy Poliakoff

Cc: Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy  
Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein  
Commissioner Michael J. Copps  
Secretary of the Commission